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FROM USDEL FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE

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SUBJECT: THIRTEENTH FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LATIN AMERICA:  
WRAP-UP

1. SUMMARY: LAST SEVERAL DAYS SUBJECT CONFERENCE INCLUDED STATE-  
MENT BY REGIONAL REP., GENERAL DISCUSSION, MOVIES, BY CUBA AND  
ISRAEL, ADOPTION OF TECH. STAGE REPORT, RAISING OF BANANA  
QUESTION BY PANAMA, FAREWELL STATEMENT BY D. A. BOERMA, ADDITION  
TO AGENDA OF PROGRAM OF ACTION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ECONOMIC  
ORDER, AND CLOSING DISCUSSION WITH GENERAL TORRIJOS, TOGE-  
THER WITH OTHER ITMES OF CLOSING. END SUMMARY.

2. AGENDA ITEM 8-STATEMENT BY FAO REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
FOR LATIN AMERICA (SAMPER) BRIEFLY OUTLINED PRESENT SITUATION  
AND LATEST TRENDS IN AGRICULTURE IN LATIN AMERICA, INCLUDING  
REFERENCED TO CLIMATE AND PRICES AS IMPONDERABLE VARIABLES.  
REAL ROOTS OF PRESENT LA AGRICULTURAL SITUATION WERE SAID TO  
BE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND HISTORIC  
PROCESS WHICH HAS SHAPED PRESENT AGRARIAN AND INSTITUTIONAL  
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STRUCTURES OF REGION. MENTION WAS MADE THAT 15 MINI-

STERS AND VICE MINISTERS ARE ATTENDING CONFERENCE. COMMENT:  
RELATIVELY UNINSPIRED ADDRESS WAS FOLLOWED BY EQUAL QUALITY  
GENERAL DEBATE.

3. ISRAEL (OBSERVER) SHOWED 10-15 MIN. MOVIE OF FIELD PROJECT IN LA  
TO ILLUSTRATE THREE MAIN POINTS OF CONFERENCE (INTEGRATED RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL LIMITATIONS ON EXPORTS, AND ENVIRONMENT  
AND DEVELOPMENT). CUBA LIKEWISE SHOWED 40 MIN. MOVIE ABOUT  
DEVELOPMENT OF CUBA. BOTH MOVIES IN SPANISH.

4. AGENDA ITEM 9-ADOPTION OF TECHNICAL STAGE REPORT. REPORT  
WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT MAJOR CHANGE, BUT RECOMMENDATIONS IN FORM OF  
RESOLUTIONS WERE DEFERRED UNTIL NEAR END OF CONFERENCE.  
PANAMA INTERJECTED BANANA CONTROVERSY SPEECH AT THIS POINT, AS  
REPORTED EARLIER, TOGETHER WITH PROPOSAL TO CENSURE ACTION OF  
BANANA MULTINATIONAL COMPANY.

5. FAO'S DG BOERMA IN BRIEF FAREWELL SPEECH THANKING PANAMA FOR  
HOSTING CONFERENCE ACKNOWLEDGED PANAMA'S CONCERN OVER BANANA  
CRISIS AND INDICATED HIS FEELING THAT IT WAS APPROPRIATE FOR  
PANAMA TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION ON THIS MATTER AT THIS TIME.  
BOERMA MENTIONED, HOWEVER, THE EXISTENCE OF OTHER FORA,  
SUCH AS INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON BANANAS OF FAO'S COM-  
MITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS (CCP), WHICH HE THOUGHT SHOULD  
CONSIDER THE PROBLEM ALSO.

6. WITHOUT WARNING OR DISCUSSION (AND AFTER ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA ON MONDAY, AUGUST 19, WITHOUT NEW ITEM), NEW AGENDA  
"ITEM IV-13, STATEMENT AND PROGRAM OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISH-  
MENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER (DOCUMENT LARC/74/10)" APPEARED  
ON AUGUST 22 ORDER OF DAY AS DISCUSSION ITEM. SUBJECT  
GENERATED NO INTEREST; ONLY ONE OBSERVER SPOKE.

7. DISCUSSIONS OF FAO ACTIVITIES IN REGION, FIELD PROGRAM AND  
WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, ELICITED USUAL DEMANDS FOR MORE ATTENTION  
TO REGION AND STRENGTHENING REGIONAL OFFICE, BUT THERE WERE NO  
SURPRISES AND FEW INNOVATIVE SUGGESTIONS.

8. IN FORMAL CLOSING PRIOR TO END OF SESSION, GENERAL  
TORRIJOS GAVE FEW GENERAL COMMENTS, THEN OPENED FLOOR FOR QUESTIONS.  
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ONE QUESTIONER SOUGHT HIS VIEWS ON CURRENT BANANA PROB-  
LEM AND IN COURSE OF DETAILED RESPONSE GENERAL INDICATED RATHER  
CLEAR INTENTION TO TAKE OVER MULTINATIONAL COMPANY INVOLVED. HE  
ALSO ADDED THAT NEXT BANANA TRAIN WHICH RAN WOULD SOUND MORE LIKE  
THE FATHERLAND. ANOTHER QUESTIONER ASKED ABOUT STEPS BEING TAKEN  
IN RELATION FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE WHEN DARIEN GAP IS CLOSED.  
HE REPLIED QUOTE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS END QUOTE.

9. REGARDING SITE NEXT REGIONAL CONFERENCE IT NOW APPEARS  
LIKELY PERU'S INVITATION WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT CONTEST  
FROM ARGENTIAN.

10. IN HEADS OF DELEGATIONS MEETING THURSDAY NO CONSENSUS  
REACHED ON SINGLE REGIONAL CONDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL.

11. MOST RESOLUTIONS BEING ADOPTED TOO LATE ON CLOSING DAY  
TO INCLUDE IN THIS REPORT.  
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